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Chair Doan and Members of the State Building Code Council,

The Washington Clean Energy Coalition and our colleague organizations listed below strongly urge the State Building Code Council to **vote in support of the full package of residential energy code proposals that are out for public comment. In particular, we strongly support the requirements for heat pump systems in new homes.**

Our state climate pollution reduction goals have been in place for many years. And our state has enacted critically important legislation to address the climate crisis. Unfortunately, these actions alone are not achieving our goals. In fact, we are trending in the wrong direction. The Environmental Defense Fund's analysis^[1] shows climate pollution in Washington actually increased from 2012 to 2018!

We ask the State Building Code Council to aggressively implement residential building code changes to help Washington state meet our climate pollution reduction goals. Your role is critically important as buildings are our number two, and fastest growing, source of carbon pollution.

[1]

https://www.edf.org/sites/default/files/documents/FINAL_State%20Emission%20Gap%20Analysis.pdf?_gl=1*7cnu g* ga* MTI0NDY4NDc3Mi4xNjYzOTAzODU2* ga_2B3856Y9QW*MTY2MzkwMzg1Ni4xLjEuMTY2MzkwMzkwNS4xMS4wLjA.* ga_Q5CTTQBJD8*MTY2MzkwMzg1Ni4xLjEuMTY2MzkwMzkwNS4xMS4wLjA.

Fortunately, updated building codes can significantly reduce carbon pollution. High efficiency all-electric heat pumps for space and water heating are substantially cleaner than fossil fuel alternatives. We need only require their use.

Please take action this year to implement these changes. What was predicted by science has become a visible climate crisis reminder. We now see our health and safety imperiled by wildfires, an annual feature of our Pacific Northwest summers.

Thank you for taking this important step,

Washington Clean Energy Coalition – Don Marsh

Indivisible Gig Harbor

Climate Action Bainbridge - Fran Korten

Grey Indivisible Lacey

Wallingford Indivisible

Olympic Climate Action - Ed Bowlby

Footnotes:

(1) See EDF report [HERE](#)
